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U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 3 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.5 million head on October 1, 2004, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was 3 percent above October 1, 2003 and up slightly from October 1, 2002. The inventory included 6.46 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.96 million head, up 1 percent from 2003.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.37 million, 4 percent below 2003 but 8 percent above 2002. Net placements were 2.31 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 623,000, 600-699 pounds were 474,000, 700-799 pounds were 557,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 720,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.80 million, 11 percent below 2003 and 3 percent below 2002. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of September since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 61,000 during September, 3 percent below 2003 but 15 percent above 2002.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 2003-2004 ¹**

State	Oct 1, 2003	Sep 1, 2004	Oct 1, 2004		
			Number	as % of 2003	as % of Sep
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	275	296	298	108	101
CA	485	520	520	107	100
CO	950	930	1,020	107	110
ID	270	245	275	102	112
IA	310	375	375	121	100
KS	2,300	2,130	2,220	97	104
NE	1,830	1,800	1,940	106	108
NM	123	129	125	102	97
OK	350	325	340	97	105
SD	145	138	143	99	104
TX	2,720	2,670	2,770	102	104
WA	195	160	175	90	109
<i>Oth Sts</i>	265	255	285	108	112
<i>US</i>	10,218	9,973	10,486	103	105

^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

**Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 2003-2004**

State	During Sep 2003	During Aug 2004	During Sep 2004		
			Number	as % of 2003	as % of Aug
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	Percent
AZ	25	30	28	112	93
CA	61	63	64	105	102
CO	255	205	275	108	134
ID	82	58	84	102	145
IA	80	62	70	88	113
KS	530	520	520	98	100
NE	520	420	470	90	112
NM	16	23	18	113	78
OK	81	76	80	99	105
SD	49	25	41	84	164
TX	620	530	600	97	113
WA	53	33	48	91	145
Oth Sts	102	54	76	75	141
US	2,474	2,099	2,374	96	113

* Revised.

United States Cattle on Feed 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots

Million Head

